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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: William A. Pearson, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports *WAP*

SUBJECT: Parent and Family Digital Learning Guide

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is sharing a [Parent and Family Digital Learning Guide](#) recently released by the U.S. Department of Education (USED). The guide will help caregivers to understand how digital tools can provide learning opportunities, engage students, and enrich students' educational experiences.

The guide is available electronically as well as in print and can be shared in whole or in part, based on the needs of local education agencies (LEAs), both traditional public school districts and public school academies. The guide includes many practical tools to support students and families in the era of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Parent and Family Digital Learning Guide was created with feedback from experts, including researchers, parents, educators, and school leaders. Additionally, the guide is the first in a series aimed at providing digital learning knowledge and resources to educators, parents, and students.

Questions about this resource can be directed to the educational technology unit of MDE's office of systems, evaluation and technology at MDE-Edtech@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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